

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,
CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

(check one applicable item below)

- original.
- design.
- supplemental.

NOTE: If the declaration is for an International Application being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application, do not check next item; check appropriate one of last three items.

- national stage of PCT.

NOTE: If one of the following 3 items apply, then complete and also attach ADDED PAGES FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR C-I-P.

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d) (continued prosecution application) for use of a prior nonprovisional application declaration in the continuation or divisional application being filed on behalf of the same or fewer of the inventors named in the prior application.

- divisional.
- continuation.

NOTE: Where an application discloses and claims subject matter not disclosed in the prior application, or a continuation or divisional application names an inventor not named in the prior application, a continuation-in-part application must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (application filing requirements — nonprovisional application).

- continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

WARNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims, an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

MID-FOOT STABILIZATION STRAPPING SYSTEM FOR FOOTWEAR

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which:

(complete (a), (b), or (c))

- (a) is attached hereto.

NOTE: "The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed on the application filing date with a specification are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 CFR 1.63:

"(1) name of inventor(s), and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration on filing;

"(2) name of inventor(s), and attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed; or

"(3) name of inventor(s), and title which was on the specification as filed."

Notice of July 13, 1995 (1177 O.G. 60).

- (b) was filed on _____, as Serial No. 0 / _____
or _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO that contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.

NOTE: "The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed after the filing date are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 CFR 1.63:

"(1) name of inventor(s), and application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number; e.g., 08/123,456);

"(2) name of inventor(s), serial number and filing date;

"(3) name of inventor(s) and attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;

"(4) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and filing date;

"(5) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or

"(6) name of inventor(s), title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number; e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration."

Notice of July 13, 1995 (1177 O.G. 60), M.P.E.P. § 601.01(a), 6th ed., rev. 3.

- (c) was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____, filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.67(b))

(complete the following where a supplemental declaration is being submitted)

- I hereby declare that the subject matter of the
 attached amendment
 amendment filed on _____

was part of my/our Invention and was invented before the filing date of the original application, above-identified, for such invention.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56,

(also check the following items, if desired)

- and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and
 in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d))

NOTE: "The claim to priority need be in no special form and may be made by the attorney or agent if the foreign application is referred to in the oath or declaration as required by § 1.63. The claim for priority and the certified copy of the foreign application specified in 35 U.S.C. 119(b) must be filed in the case of an interference (§ 1.630), when necessary to overcome the date of a reference relied upon by the examiner, when specifically required by the examiner, and in all other situations, before the patent is granted. If the claim for priority or the certified copy of the foreign application is filed after the date the issue fee is paid, it must be accompanied by a petition requesting entry and by the fee set forth in § 1.17(i). If the certified copy is not in the English language, a translation need not be filed except in the case of interference; or when necessary to overcome the date of a reference relied upon by the examiner; or when specifically required by the examiner, in which event an English language translation must be filed together with a statement that the translation of the certified copy is accurate." 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§ 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or Inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

- (d) no such applications have been filed.
(e) such applications have been filed as follows.

NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. itself claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

**PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION
AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)**

COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)
(34 U.S.C. § 119(e))**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE
_____ / _____	_____
_____ / _____	_____
_____ / _____	_____

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER US/PCT APPLICATION(S)
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120**

- The claim for the benefit of any such applications are set forth in the attached ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CONTINUATION-IN-PART (C-I-P) APPLICATION.

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

NOTE: If the application filed more than 12 months from the filing date of this application is a PCT filing forming the basis for this application entering the United States as (1) the national stage, or (2) a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part, then also complete ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR C-I-P APPLICATION for benefit of the prior U.S. or PCT application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

(list name and registration number)

(check the following item, if applicable)

- I hereby appoint the practitioner(s) associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.
- Attached, as part of this declaration and power of attorney, is the authorization of the above-named practitioner(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO

Address
Paul G. Juettner
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221 North LaSalle Street, Suite 850
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(Name and telephone number)**

312/236-8123

Customer Number 10-1324

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

SIGNATURE(S)

NOTE: Carefully indicate the family (or last) name, as it should appear on the filing receipt and all other documents.

NOTE: Each inventor must be identified by full name, including the family name, and at least one given name without abbreviation together with any other given name or initial, and by his/her residence, post office address and country of citizenship. 37 CFR § 1.63(a)(3).

NOTE: Inventors may execute separate declarations/oaths provided each declaration/oath sets forth all the inventors. Section 1.63(a)(3) requires that a declaration/oath, inter alia, identify each inventor and prohibits the execution of separate declarations/oaths which each sets forth only the name of the executing inventor. 62 Fed. Reg. 53,131, 53,142, October 10, 1997.

Full name of sole or first inventor

Brett

D.

Ritter

(GIVEN NAME)

(MIDDLE INITIAL OR NAME)

FAMILY (OR LAST NAME)

Inventor's signature

Date 11-18-1998

Country of Citizenship USA

Residence 3737 Torino Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Post Office Address

SAME AS ABOVE

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Damon

R

Butler

(GIVEN NAME)

(MIDDLE INITIAL OR NAME)

FAMILY (OR LAST NAME)

Inventor's signature

Date 11-18-98

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Barry

JOSPEH

McGeough

(GIVEN NAME)

(MIDDLE INITIAL OR NAME)

FAMILY (OR LAST NAME)

Inventor's signature

Date 11-19-98

Country of Citizenship USA

Residence 1240 E COTA, SANTA BARBARA, CA, 93103

Post Office Address SAME

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Full name of fourth inventor

Edward J. Norton
(GIVEN NAME) J. (MIDDLE INITIAL OR NAME) FAMILY (OR LAST NAME) Norton

Inventor's signature Edward J. Norton

Date 11/10/98 Country of Citizenship USA

Residence 92 Middleton Road, Boxford, MA 01921

Post Office Address Same as above

Full name of fifth joint inventor, if any

Zenon O. Smotrycz
(GIVEN NAME) O. (MIDDLE INITIAL OR NAME) FAMILY (OR LAST NAME) Smotrycz

Inventor's signature Zenon O. Smotrycz

Date 11/10/98 Country of Citizenship USA

Residence 51 Avalon Road, Reading, MA 01867

Post Office Address Same as above

Full name of joint inventor, if any

(GIVEN NAME) (MIDDLE INITIAL OR NAME) FAMILY (OR LAST NAME)

Inventor's signature

Date Country of Citizenship

Residence

Post Office Address

(check proper box(es) for any of the following added page(s)
that form a part of this declaration)

- Signature for fourth and subsequent joint inventors. Number of pages added** _____

* * *

- Signature by administrator(trix), executor(trix) or legal representative for de-
ceased or incapacitated inventor. Number of pages added** _____

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- Signature for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person
authorized under 37 CFR 1.47. Number of pages added** _____

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- Added page for signature by one joint inventor on behalf of deceased inventor(s)
where legal representative cannot be appointed in time. (37 CFR 1.47)**

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- Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional,
continuation, or continuation-in-part (C-i-P) application.**

Number of pages added _____

* * *

- Authorization of practitioner(s) to accept and follow instructions from representa-
tive.**

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*(if no further pages form a part of this Declaration,
then end this Declaration with this page and check the following item)*

This declaration ends with this page.

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Practitioner's Docket No. DCK 40003**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

- In re application of: Brett D. Ritter, et al

Application No.: / Group No.:
Filed:

For: MID-FOOT STABILIZATION STRAPPING SYSTEM FOR FOOTWEAR

- Patent No*: Issued:

*NOTE: Insert name(s) of Inventor(s) and title also for patent.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST
(REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS)**

As assignee of record of the entire interest of the above identified

- application.
 patent.

REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS OF ATTORNEY

all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked and

NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY

the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) are hereby appointed to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

(list name and registration number)			
Thomas R. Juettner	16,158	Paul G. Juettner	30,270
Russell W. Pyle	23,076	Robert A. Lloyd	25,694
Michael Piontek	25,605	Steven L. Underwood	35,727
		Thomas R. Fitzsimons	40,607

(check the following item, if applicable)

- Attached, as part of this power of attorney, is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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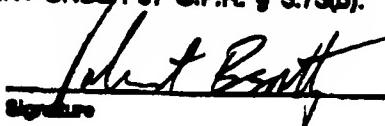
Deckers Outdoor Corporation
(Type or print name of assignee of entire interest)
(a Delaware corporation)
495-A South Fairview Avenue
(Address)
Goleta, California 93117

- Recorded in PTO on _____
 Reel _____
 Frame _____
 Recorded herewith

ASSIGNEE STATEMENT

Attached to this power is a "STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(d)."

Date 11/20/98



Robert Beatty

(Type or print name of person authorized to sign on behalf of assignee)

Vice President

Title

NOTE: The assignee of the entire interest may revoke previous powers and be represented by an attorney at law or her selection. 37 C.F.R. § 1.36.

(Check the following item, if it forms a part of this power of attorney)

- Added page—Authorization of attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from representative.

(Power of Attorney by Assignee of Entire Interest [18-2]—page 2 of 2)

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant Brett D. Ritter, et al

Application No.: _____ File No. _____

Title: MID-FOOT STABILIZATION STRAPPING SYSTEM FOR FOOTWEARAssignee: Deckers Outdoor Corporation, a Delaware corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

certifies that it is:

- the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
- an assignee of an undivided part interest.

In the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

A An assignment from the Inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at File No. _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

B A chain of title from the Inventor(s) of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

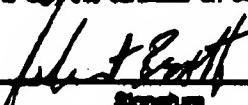
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The document was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at
File No. _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.
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File No. _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.
3. From: _____ To: _____
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File No. _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

 Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet. Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

11/20/98

Date



Signature

Robert Beatty

Typed or printed name

Vice President

Title

Small Print Disclaimer: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual user. Any comments or suggestions concerning this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20591. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20591.

(Certificate under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) (PTO/SB/95) [16-16.1]—page 1 of 1)

Practitioner's Docket No. _____

PATENT Applicant Pattee _____ Application No. _____ Patent No. _____ Filed on _____ Issued on _____Title: MID-FOOT STABILIZATION STRAPPING SYSTEM FOR FOOTWEAR

**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c))—SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby state that I am

- the owner of the small business concern identified below;
- an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below;

Name of Small Business Concern Advanced Design Concepts2 Linden StreetAddress of Small Business Concern Reading, MA 01867

I hereby state that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern, as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third-party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to, and remain with, the small business concern identified above, with regard to the invention described in

- the specification filed herewith, with title as listed above.
- the application identified above.
- the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c), if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

*NOTE: Separate statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention as to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

Each such person, concern or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:

- No such person, concern, or organization exists.
- Each such person, concern or organization is listed below.

Name Deckers Outdoor Corporation
Address 495-A South Fairview Avenue, Goleta, CA 93117

INDIVIDUAL SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Name _____
Address _____

INDIVIDUAL SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small business entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

(check the following item, if desired)

NOTE: The following verification statement need not be made in accordance with the rules published on Oct. 10, 1997, 62 Fed. Reg. 52,131, effective Dec. 1, 1997.

NOTE: "The presentation to the Office (whether by signing, filing, submitting, or later advocating) of any paper by a party, whether a practitioner or non-practitioner, constitutes a certification under § 10.18(b) of this chapter. Violations of § 10.18(b)(2) of this chapter by a party, whether a practitioner or non-practitioner, may result in the imposition of sanctions under § 10.18(c) of this chapter. Any practitioner violating § 10.18(b) may also be subject to disciplinary action. See §§ 10.18(d) and 10.23(c)(15)." 37 C.F.R. § 1.4(d)(2).

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Name of Person Signing Zenon Smotryc 11/10/98
Title of Person if Other Than Owner Edward J. Smotryc Partner
Address of Person Signing _____

SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

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Name of Person Signing Robert BEATTY

Title of Person if Other Than Owner Vice President

Address of Person Signing 526 Grove Lane, Santa Barbara, CA.

93105

SIGNATURE



Date 11/19/98